

REMARKS

Reconsideration is requested.

Claims 1-16, 31 and 39 have been canceled, without prejudice.

The Examiner is requested to appreciate that the present examiner has provisionally rejected claims 1-6, 9-17 and 26 of copending Application No. 11/524,528 as allegedly defining the same invention as the unamended claims 16-29 and 39 of the present application. See pages 6-7 of the Office Action mailed March 10, 2008 in Application No. 11/524,528. The subject matter which forms the basis of the provisional rejection in the co-pending application has been canceled above, without prejudice. The Examiner is requested to review the entirety of the prosecution history of Application No. 11/524,528 however when examining the present application and to acknowledge same in the Examiner's next Action.

The specification has been revised to include the attached Sequence Listing. The attached paper and computer readable copies of the Sequence Listing are the same. No new matter has been added.

The applicants elect the subject matter of the Examiner's Group 2. Election of a specific sequence of claim 31 is not believed to be required as claim 31 has been canceled, without prejudice. The Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned, preferably by telephone, in the event an election of a specific sequence is required even though claim 31 has been canceled, without prejudice.

An early and favorable Action on the merits is requested.

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